

## **J. Major capital projects**

### **Arts and Community Center**

In September 2007, OCC broke ground on an addition to the Fine Arts Center and one year later, the new wing of the newly-named Arts and Community Center was dedicated. This new 16,000 square foot academic wing houses art and pottery labs, classrooms, instructional studios, and offices. It also has provided space for the relocation of the Continuing and Professional Education and Academy for Lifelong Learning departments from rented space off campus. It is connected to the original Fine Arts Center through a common hallway, stairwell and a new elevator. The original part of the Center includes a theater, theater lobby, art gallery, green room, classrooms, music wing, piano laboratory, and offices. When renovations to this existing space are completed, it will accommodate an enlarged and improved theater and renovations to existing classroom and office space. A third section, a “little theater” performance center, was added in 2009. The entire project will be completed by the end of 2010.

### **New Academic Building**

In July 2008, ground was broken for construction of a new Academic Building, which stands on the campus mall, between the Administration Building and Library. Construction was completed in July 2009. This 32,000 square foot addition, named John C. Bartlett Hall, houses 3 computer labs, 14 classrooms, faculty offices, and faculty and student lounges. It is both LEEDS certified and wireless. In addition, Bartlett Hall features external walkways, patios, walled terraces, and landscaping that complement the natural beauty of the campus. A new 140-car parking lot stands to the east of the building in conveniently close proximity.

### **Gateway Building and College Center**

The college has two new extensive building projects that are currently getting underway. The first, known as the Gateway Building, is a new academic building of approximately 70,000 square feet that the college is building with Kean University to house both Ocean and Kean@Ocean students. The Kean@Ocean partnership allows OCC graduates to transfer and obtain a baccalaureate from Kean on the Ocean campus. There are currently more than 1,000 students engaged in some phase of this dual degree program. In addition, the college plans a two-phase renovation to the College Center which includes building a large new wing and, once that can be occupied, renovating the existing structure. Both of these projects are slated for completion ca. 2012-2013.

### **Renewal and Renovation**

In addition to a major renovation of the college Planetarium to house a new high-powered telescope and the addition of our own co-gen plant, the College has also evaluated all 19 campus buildings to identify areas that require improvement. Campus buildings were surveyed to evaluate the existing conditions of major components, such as foundations, roofing, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems, fire protection, and stairways, as well as ADA and building code compliance. More than \$8 million dollars of improvement projects were discovered and prioritized and have been incorporated into the Facilities Master Plan.